

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

- v. -

MICHAEL VAN PRAAGH,  
ANTHONY TARANTINO, and  
JAMES LYLE,

Defendants.

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INDICTMENT

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COUNT ONE

The Grand Jury charges:

1. From at least in or about May 2013, up to and including at least in or about January 2014, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, MICHAEL VAN PRAAGH, ANTHONY TARANTINO, and JAMES LYLE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, intentionally and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to violate the narcotics laws of the United States.
2. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that MICHAEL VAN PRAAGH, ANTHONY TARANTINO, and JAMES LYLE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, would and did distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

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3. The controlled substance that MICHAEL VAN PRAAGH, ANTHONY TARANTINO, and JAMES LYLE, the defendants, conspired to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute was 50 grams and more of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers and 500 grams and more of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers.

(Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

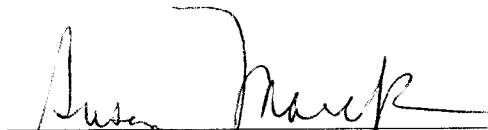
4. As a result of committing the controlled substance offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, MICHAEL VAN PRAAGH, ANTHONY TARANTINO, and JAMES LYLE, the defendants, the defendants, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code § 853, any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds the defendants obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the said offense and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit and to facilitate the commission of the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment, including but not limited to, a sum in United States currency representing the amount of all proceeds obtained as a result of the offense alleged in Count One of this Indictment.

Substitute Asset Provision

5. If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty; it is the intention of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the said defendants up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 846 and 853.)

  
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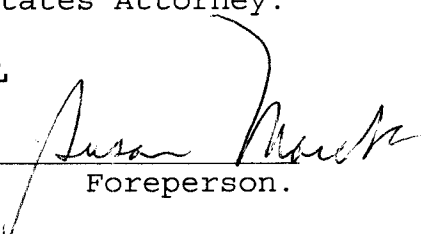
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